

GERMAN prisoners admit Yankees are as good soldiers as they are. Angels could admit no more.

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WEATHER FORECAST for Kansas: Partly cloudy tonight and Sunday. Warmer tonight.

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U-BOAT IS REPORTED SUNK BY DESTROYER NEAR CAPES BIG U. S. CONVOY ATTACKED

HUN RAIDER MAY HAVE BEEN SUNK BY U. S. WARSHIP

Crew of Destroyer Returning From Search in High Spirits. But They Won't Say a Word About It.

ANOTHER U-BOAT STILL HERE

Chases Steamer Laden With Food to Race Back to Port. Ten Craft Sunk Off U. S. Coast This Week.

An Atlantic Port, June 8.—An unconfirmed report in shipping circles here today was to the effect that a German U-boat had either been captured or sunk off the Virginia coast some time during yesterday by a United States destroyer.

A destroyer which had been patrolling the Atlantic coast in this vicinity returned to port today. Members of the crew were in high spirits but refused to say a word regarding their operations.

U-Boat Chases Ship Into U. S. Port.

An Atlantic Port, June 8.—An American steamer loaded with foodstuffs put back to port here today and reported she had been chased by a submarine. The ship's captain was said to have requested the naval authorities to arm his vessel that he might proceed again.

The captain is said to have told naval officers that the submarine was sighted off the Virginia capes, and before torpedoes could be dispatched with any accuracy of aim the steamer turned toward this port, leaving the submarine behind.

Sank 10 Ships This Week Near U. S.

New York, June 8.—Ten vessels, totaling slightly more than 22,000 tons were lost as a result of German submarine activities in American waters during the week ending June 8, according to unofficial figures compiled here.

During the week ending June 1, approximately 3,130 tons were destroyed. One of the biggest ships sunk was the New York and Porto Rico liner, Carolina, the Herbert L. Pratt, tanker of 7,200 tons, was damaged by a mine or torpedo, but was brought into port after sinking in shallow waters.

These figures include the Norwegian ship Vineland, 1,143 tons, the last one officially reported lost.

U-Boat Toll of Dead, 13.

The toll of life so far as known, totals thirteen, all from the Carolina. In addition, a number of ships have been reported attacked unsuccessfully.

U-Boat on Maine Coast.

Biddeford, Me., June 8.—The commander of the lightship seven miles off Biddeford Pool today reported a German submarine near his vessel. Several members of the lightship's crew saw the U-boat. The lightship has been ordered to put into Portland, Me.

Florida Has U-Boat Scare.

Jacksonville, Fla., June 8.—Enemy submarines are operating off the east coast of Florida, according to reports received here today.

The captain of a passenger steamer who sought safety in a harbor near here last night, declares that he sighted a periscope some miles off Mayport, Fla.

Fearing attack from hostile craft, lights in Mayport were dimmed last night and all shipping was ordered into the St. Johns river.

Coastwise craft in this vicinity have been ordered under heavy convoy.

NEW RATES GO IN

Three Cent Rail Fares Begin Sunday Night.

Administration Refuses Pleas to Delay Advance.

U-BOATS ATTACK TROOP SHIPS BUT DO NO DAMAGE

CONVOY CARRIED U. S. SOLDIERS AND RED CROSS WORKERS. ATTACKED AS THEY NEARED THE ENGLISH COAST.

DESTROYERS WERE ON THE JOB

Drove Plungers Under Before They Could Harm Ships.

U-Boats Sighted Twice in the Submarine Zone.

London, June 8. (Thursday).—German submarines were followed in their attempts against a convoy which included ships carrying American troops and American Red Cross workers according to the Rev. Father Joseph Waring of Baltimore, one of the Red Cross party and who arrived in London yesterday. The protecting destroyers did not act quickly on two occasions last Sunday, but Rev. Waring did not know whether any submarines had been sunk.

To the Associated Press, Rev. Father Waring, who had a trying experience following the torpedoing of the British steamer Laconia in February, 1917, said:

"Soon after we reached the danger zone our convoy was attacked by German submarines and for a few minutes I thought I was in for another experience of the same kind as I had on the Laconia."

Carried Big U. S. Force.

"Fifteen depth charges were dropped into the nest of German submarines. Whether any submarines were sunk I cannot say for we were on a fast ship and enveloped in smoke, but I know we did not lose a single ship. Our convoy carried a large number of American troops—I cannot tell you how many."

Sunk in Northern Waters.

Newport, R. I., June 8.—Captain Parker, of the steamer Westerner, declared today his ship was attacked by a submarine, 100 miles off Nantucket island last Thursday. Naval patrol boats appeared and the U-boat vanished. In mid-ocean, Parker said, another submarine chased him but he was too fast for it.

IN ECLIPSE TODAY

Kansas in Path of Event Rarely Seen in America.

Next Total Eclipse Here Will Be in 1917.

Ninety per cent of the normal sunlight in Kansas will be shut off this afternoon between hours of 5:22 and 6:28 o'clock, when the moon will pass between the sun and the earth. In some parts of the country the eclipse will be total.

The total eclipse of the sun takes place when the lunar shadow actually reaches the earth. While the moon passes eastward, approaching gradually the point where it is exactly between us and the sun, steadily the darkness deepens as more and more sunlight is withdrawn. Then quite suddenly the darkness of late twilight comes on, when the moon reaches just the point where the moon first shuts off completely the light of the sun. At that instant the solar corona flashes out and the total eclipse begins.

Shadow Passes Rapidly.

The observer is then within the umbra and totality lasts only so long as he remains within it. As an average the umbra will require less than three minutes to pass by any one place, but the extreme length of a total eclipse is nearly eight minutes.

Those who will be lucky enough to make the journey to any of the towns where the shadow of the eclipse will appear will do well to get as near the center of the favored zone as possible. It will not be necessary to take a telescope, but a pair of dark glasses can be used to advantage to watch the progress of the moon in its primary phase, the glass should be cleared as soon as the totality arrives.

100 Years Until Next Eclipse in U. S.

Not until 1917 will another total solar eclipse be visible over so large an area of North America. And it is rare that an eclipse track anywhere in the world offers so great a choice of accessible sites for observing the eclipse.

The shadow of today began its sunrise at Borodino Islands, south of Japan, and is visible as a partial eclipse in southeastern Asia, in the Arctic of North Pacific oceans and throughout North America. It passes thru the United States and ends at the Bahamas Islands.

It is known the Chinese hold the credit of possessing the very first record of a solar eclipse which occurred in 2136 B. C. Another eclipse, that of 585 B. C., was foretold by the Greek astronomer, Thales of Miletus, and thus was the first one prophesied by a European.

MORGAN MEN ARE GETTING IN DEEP WATER, IT SEEMS

Claim of Capper Alliance Used in Parts of State. Some of Governor's Friends Do Not Like the Scheme.

ARE ASKING WHAT'S WHAT

They See Danger in Fake to Their Senatorial Candidate.

Allen, Troutman and Brewster Men Make Kick.

Ambitious and somewhat zealous friends of W. Y. Morgan, of Hutchinson, have recently opened some very extensive veins of trouble in Kansas politics. In a rather frantic effort to give the Hutchinson man a rather established position in the governorship fight, Morgan's friends have busily circulated reports of a Capper-Morgan combination. And that little report may keep more people awake these summer nights than the noise of the growing Kansas corn crop.

For some weeks these stories of deals and combinations and amalgamations have been slipping back to Topeka. In a good many instances they have been rather beneficial to the Morgan interests, but some of the Capper organization. Just at this time Capper's friends are more concerned with the selection of an easy and direct route to the United States senate than in the nomination of Morgan for governor. None the less the Morgan workers have assumed and presumed a combination of interests that have not only occasioned trouble for Capper, but threaten nightmare for the Morgan interests.

Carefully Pick Territory.

Morgan's friends carefully selected the route which their candidate would take in the governorship race. They decided to run him as the second son of the Capper special. As a consequence a plan was hatched at the Kansas Day club gathering which sent certain persons into the state with a report that the Capper-Morgan slate was the proper thing. These stories were used extensively—in strong Capper territory but were just as fully forgotten in the counties where Scott or Stubbs or Bristow seemed to have the stronger following. In these counties the information spread to the effect that Morgan maintained a strict neutrality concerning each and every senatorial candidate.

In the strong Capper counties the stories of Capper-Morgan combination proved somewhat beneficial to the Morgan interests, according to stories sent to Topeka. The Morgan workers smilingly looked at the matter in the light that reports of an honorable amalgamation with the formidable senatorial candidate could do no harm to Morgan. But it didn't follow that all of the Capper supporters were for Morgan. And right there the long days of trouble began. A good many men and women who held a decided preference for Governor Capper for 1918, might give, but they ardently their senatorial choice should dictate their choice for other state offices. Especially distasteful was the idea that a governor should seek to name his successor. So the revolt began to gain strength. Anti-Morgan voters who favored Capper began a new process of political reasoning.

Capper Has a Say.

Then it was that Governor Capper called his appointees and workers together. He made it clear that he did not intend to name any appointee's choice for governor, but any attempt at a combination wasn't appreciated. In short he welcomed all the aid his appointees might give, but he ardently discouraged amalgamation with a candidate for another office.

Reports of this statement went to the country precincts. The earnest Capper friends learned of the deception. They became aware of an attempt by the Morgan interests to stir up the senatorial candidate's popularity for Morgan's own gain. In short, Morgan, with little to give, had taken much. And against this effort to combine the Capper strength in the strong Capper counties, Morgan's friends evaded the responsibility of a Capper combination in anti-Capper territory by playing a neutral game.

Recently friends of Morgan have gone into various localities with Morgan for governor posters. There they have sought to carry out the deception by nailing a Morgan poster on every post or building which carries a Capper for senator lithograph. In scores of railway stations, the practice has been followed.

Voters Are Curious.

Now the country districts are sending some rather earnest reports to Topeka. They are asking that, short, snappy questions. The Allen and Troutman and Brewster supporters want to know about the combination of Morgan's friends with the Capper campaign.

And each looks to Governor Capper for an answer. On the other hand, hundreds of Governor Capper's friends make but slight efforts to conceal their resentment toward the Morgan campaign forces which deceived Capper's friends into acceptance of the fake combination story.

KANSAS IS WOUNDED

Andrew C. Cronner of Clinton in Casualty List Today.

General Pershing's casualty list sent from France by cable today announced the injury of Andrew C. Cronner of Clinton, Kan. He is injured slightly.

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Moscow Chamber of Commerce Sends Message to Wilson. Hope for Complete Defeat of Prussian Autocracy.

ALLIES TO ENCOURAGE RUSS

State Definitely Plans for Restoration of Russia.

German Treachery Awakening Rebellious Spirit.

Washington, June 8.—Hope for a complete victory over Germany is expressed in a communication received by President Wilson today from the Russian-American chamber of commerce at Moscow. The Russian people, it is declared, rely on the economic support of the allies for the reconstruction of the power of Russia.

Definite Promises to Russ.

London, June 8.—The entente allies have a great opportunity for a combined diplomatic offensive with a view to explaining to Russia and the Russian Slav what an unerring bombing machine the allies are.

On the morning of the 30th pressing our great successes earlier in the week when hospitals back of the British lines were bombed with losses among staffs and patients of many scores, we attacked a Canadian hospital. Large Red Cross signs made the target plain for our unerring bombing. An American surgeon, performing an operation, was among the killed.

On the night of the 31st our gallant airmen made a surprise attack on British hospitals which had been bombed on the 19th, inflicting severe losses on staffs and patients and returning to base without casualty.

Aim Was Good.

"The aim of our heroic flyers was made by accurate bombing. One of our imperial ace at great personal risk. While attacking hospitals at Villers-Cotterets, where five women nurses and canteniers were killed, German aviators were treacherously fired upon by French aces. Five German machines were maliciously destroyed."

Used Insurance Money.

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HUNS GLOAT OVER KILLING PATIENTS IN R. C. HOSPITAL

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MARINES AGAIN ARRIVE AT GERMANSS-WIN MORE HUNS GEN PERSHING AT CANTIGNY

PERSHING WAS AT CANTIGNY TO SEE YANKS IN ACTION

U. S. Commander in Chief Personal Charge of Operation. Halted Huns at Vital Point.

Senate Committee Gets Inside News of First Victory.

Situation Satisfactory at All Points, Say U. S. Experts.

Washington, June 8.—General Pershing, commander-in-chief of the American forces abroad, personally directed the attack that resulted in the capture of Cantigny, a few days, the senate military affairs committee was told today at the meeting of the war council.

At the same time it was revealed that the Americans topped the German advance just in time. A few miles additional gain by Hindenburg at that point and some of the French munition factories would have been within reach of the German long range guns.

The village was taken by the Americans, May 25, and all German attempts to recapture it have been in vain.

Pershing's presence at Cantigny shows the victory there was a bold, the trademark "made in America"—from the commanding officer down to the rookie.

Situation Is Favorable.

The general situation now on the west front is favorable, the senate committee was told. The German attack was virtually stopped in six days. Fighting during the last week has either been to the advantage of the allies or without advantage to either side.

Ordnance production in this country is greatly improved now. A number of heavy Browning guns are being turned out in great numbers.

French Win At Loere.

With the British Army in France, June 8.—Loere Hospice, which the Germans captured on Wednesday night, was retaken by the French yesterday. The battle was a tactical success, the French immediately way to this much-contested position and completely re-established their original line.

The French have thus removed a more or less serious threat to the village of Loere, which itself is an important defense for Mont Rouge and other hills lying immediately to the west. The Hospice lies only about 500 yards southeast of Loere, and is on rising ground which is but slightly lower than the site of the village. The enemy has long coveted Loere, and retention of the Hospice would give him a strategic jumping off place for another assault in the long list which he has delivered against the village.

German Guns Active.

There were heavy bursts of shelling from German guns at various points along the British front last night, but no unusual operations have been reported.

SEA DRIVE SOON

German Grand Fleet Shows Signs of Coming Out.

Ordered to Get Ready to Sail—All Officers Are Recalled.

Milan, Italy, June 8.—Reports are in circulation here that the German admiralty is preparing a huge naval strike against the allied fleet.

Orders are said to have been given the high fleet officers to be in readiness to move. Numerous high German naval officers have been recalled from Switzerland and all leaves are said to have been suspended.

SKIES ARE CLEAR

Topekans Will Have Good View of the Eclipse.

Warmer Temperatures Weather Program Tonight.

Today's Temperatures.

MARINES STILL GOING—BEAT OFF ENEMY ATTACKS

U. S. Soldiers of the Sea Continue Their Victorious March. Clear Huns From Wood and Take Prisoners.

REPUSE THREE HUN ATTACKS

Germans Used Gas Shells and Then Charged at Yankees.

Stopped Before They Reached Line Held by Marines.

BY LOWELL MELLETT.

With the American armies in France, June 8 (4 p. m.).—American marines and adjoining units again drove forward northwest of Chateau-Thierry today. German counterattacks were blocked by the American advance.

Artillery fire, which had been incessant along Belleau wood through the night, increased violently about 4 a. m. At that moment the right wing of the marines stopped the southern part of the wood, where the Germans had retained a foothold. The success of this attack has not fully reported, although the numerous prisoners have been sent back.

Indications are that the Americans eliminated the enemy north of sunken road between Torcy and Belleau (a front of about mile).

Easily Stopped Hun Attack.

At 12:30 the enemy attempted to advance. Their infantry was supported by artillery and machine guns and their attack was preceded by a barrage of gas shells and clouds of poisonous smoke.

The marines donned their gas masks and stopped them four hundred yards from the trenches, with artillery and rifle fire.

At the same time, the boches attacked an adjoining unit, losing a hundred men and suffering a complete repulse. The American position was small.

Marines Retain Bourches.

Less than an hour later the Germans attacked the marines who are holding Bourches (two miles southeast of Chateau-Thierry). There is a temporary lull as this is called, but the battle threatens to break out anew at any moment. The Americans and French now hold a line extending from northwest of Vinly, thru Busseries and Belleau to southeast of Chateau-Thierry. This represents an advance ranging from less than a mile at some points to nearly three miles at other points.